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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: AGEN, PK  
SUBJECT: FOOD FOR PAKISTAN

REF: STATE 56646

1. OUR MOST RECENT ESTIMATE OF OVERALL GOP VEGOIL IMPORT PLANS DURING US FY/1977 IS BEING TRANSMITTED VIA TOFAS 47. BRIEFLY PUT, PAKISTAN HOPES TO IMPORT TOTAL OF 348,000 TONS OF VEGOIL DURING THE YEAR. OF THIS AMOUNT, 88,000 TONS HAD ALREADY BEEN IMPORTED AS OF LAST DECEMBER, AND A FURTHER 140,000 TONS (70,000 PL-480 AND 70,000 PALM OIL) HAVE ALREADY BEEN ARRANGED FOR. THE GOP HAS TOLD US THAT IT WOULD IDEALLY LIKE TO ARRANGE, IN ADDITION TO THE 40,000 TONS OF CCC CREDIT ALREADY REQUESTED, 40,000 TONS OF ADDITIONAL PL-480 AND 40,000 TONS OF ADDITIONAL PALM OIL. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN TOLD THAT DOMESTIC COTTON SEED OIL AVAILABILITY IS EVEN TIGHTER THAN HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN ESTIMATED.

2. IN SHORT, PAKISTAN NEEDS A GREAT DEAL OF OIL AND WILL HAVE NO DIFFICULTY MEETING ITS UMR EVEN UNDER VERY GENEROUS ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT WHAT PL 480 MIGHT BE AVAILABLE. (THE GOP IMPORT  
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PLANS REFERRED TO ABOVE WOULD PROVIDE 220,000 TONS IN COMMERCIAL IMPORTS OF WHICH 78,000 FROM THE U.S.). OUR POSITION HERE CONTINUES TO BE THAT WE SHOULD NOT MAKE ADDITIONAL PL 480 AVAILABLE UNTIL AN ADEQUATE OIL SEED STRATEGY HAS BEEN ELABORATED, BUT THAT IF THIS DOES OCCUR, WE SHOULD BE AS GENEROUS AS WE CAN. AT PRESENT, THE GOP HAS A COMMITTEE WORKING ON DRAFTING A STRATEGY, INCLUDING ONE USAID PAKISTANI ECONOMIST AND A USDA OILSEEDS

SPECIALIST WHO HAS BEEN WORKING WITH PAKISTAN'S AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH COUNCIL. VIEWS WITHIN THE MISSION VARY ON HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE THEM TO COMPLETE THEIR WORK, BUT IT IS CLEAR THAT MORE IS BEING DONE ON THIS THAN HAS BEEN THE CASE IN SOME TIME, AND THE CHANCES SEEM TO ME PRETTY GOOD THAT THEY WILL PULL THEIR WORK TOGETHER.

3. WHETHER OR NOT WE ARE IN A POSITION TO MAKE ADDITIONAL PL 480 VEGOIL AVAILABLE, I THINK THAT THE 40,000 TONS OF CCC WHICH HAVE NOW BEE REQUESTED ARE JUSTIFIED.  
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